

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (previously presented) A method for monitoring a first control value (I_{nom}) for overshooting or undershooting of a threshold value (I_{max}), with the first control value (I_{nom}) being used for controlling an apparatus (3); having the following steps:

- a) determination of the threshold value (I_{max}) from instantaneous value (I_s) of the first control value (I_{nom}) when the apparatus (3) reaches a predetermined operating state, and
- b) monitoring the first control value (I_{nom}) for overshooting or undershooting of the determined threshold value (I_{max}) when the apparatus (3) reaches the predetermined operating state.